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FOR KEOGH FROM SULLIVAN

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SUBJECT: VOA BROADCAST OF MANGLAPUS INTERVIEW

1. I WAS ASTOUNDED THIS MORNING TO HEAR VOICE OF AMERICA BROADCAST WHICH CARRIED REPLAY OF NBC INTERVIEW WITH PHILIPPINE EX-SENATOR RAUL MANGLAPUS, CONTAINING SHARP PERSONAL ATTACK ON PRESIDENT MARCOS. MY ASTONISHMENT, I AM SURE, MUST BE PALLID COMPARED TO THAT OF PHILIPPINE OFFICIALS, WHO RECORDED THE BROADCAST FOR LATER TRANSMISSION ON VOICE OF PHILIPPINES NEWS SERVICE. WE HAVE ALERTED THEM TO MANGLAPUS PIECE TO PRECLUDE POSSIBILITY OF ITS INADVERTENT USE.

2. THE WELL-KNOWN VOA POLICY OF CANDOR AND OBJECTIVITY INCLUDES THE BROADCAST OF NEWS EVENTS WHEN THEY ARE CARRIED IN TWO OR MORE COMMERCIAL MEDIA OUTLETS. HOWEVER, THE MANGLAPUS INTERVIEW, CARRIED BY A SINGLE NETWORK, CAN HARDLY BE CONSIDERED A "NEWS" EVENT. IT WAS DOUBTLESS ARRANGED BY NBC IN RESPONSE TO IMPORTUNING BY MANGLAPUS FOR

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"EQUAL TIME" TO RESPOND TO ED NEWMAN'S INTERVIEW WITH

PRESIDENT MARCOS, WHICH NBC CARRIED ON SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF MARTIAL LAW. AS SUCH, IT IS RECOGNIZABLY A POLITICAL BROADCAST, WHICH, WHEN RE-BROADCAST BY VOA, BECOMES PROPAGANDA PURE AND SIMPLE.

3. IT MUST BE ASSUMED THAT WE WILL RECEIVE A STIFF PROTEST FROM PHILIPPINE AUTHORITIES FOR THIS GRATUITOUS ATTACK ON THEIR PRESIDENT. IT MUST FURTHER BE ASSUMED THAT THE VOICE OF THE PHILIPPINES WILL CEASE ITS GENERAL PRACTICE OF LIVE BROADCASTING OF VOICE OF AMERICA PROGRAMS, THUS DEPRIVING VOA OF ITS WIDEST LIVE AUDIENCE IN THE PHILIPPINES. IT WILL, IN MY JUDGMENT, BE SURPRISING IF THE REACTION STOPS AT THAT POINT. AS YOU WELL KNOW, VOA DEPENDS MASSIVELY ON PHILIPPINE GOOD WILL FOR USE OF MAJOR TRANSMITTING FACILITIES IN THIS COUNTRY TO COVER MOST OF ASIA. IT IS DIFFICULT AT THIS POINT TO DETERMINE HOW SERIOUSLY THESE FACILITIES MAY HAVE BEEN JEOPARDIZED BY THIS EVENT.

4. I NEED AN IMMEDIATE REPLY FROM YOU EXPLAINING WHY VOA CHOSE TO ATTACK THE HEAD OF STATE OF A FRIENDLY ALLY. IF IT WAS A CONSCIOUS POLICY DECISION, I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHO MADE IT. SINCE THE BROADCAST WAS NOT A NEWS ITEM IN ANY IMAGINABLE SENSE OF THE WORD, I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW HOW IT WAS DECIDED TO PLAY IT ON THIS MORNING'S NEWSCAST. IN SHORT, I REQUIRE THE MOST TELLING DEFENSE YOU CAN PROVIDE ME FOR WHAT THE FILIPINOS WILL DOUBTLESS CONSIDER AN INDEFENSIBLE INSULT.

5. IF, INCREDIBLY, THIS BROADCAST DOES NOT RPT NOT REPRESENT A POLICY DECISION, BUT MERELY MISGUIDED MISCHIEF BY SOME MIDDLE-LEVEL MISSIONARY, I FEEL YOU SHOULD PROVIDE ME WITH A SUFFICIENTLY FORMAL APOLOGY WHICH INCLUDES SOME INDICATION OF THE CORRECTIVE ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION BEING TAKEN BY USIA TO ASSURE THIS SORT OF THING WILL NOT RPT NOT HAPPEN AGAIN.
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